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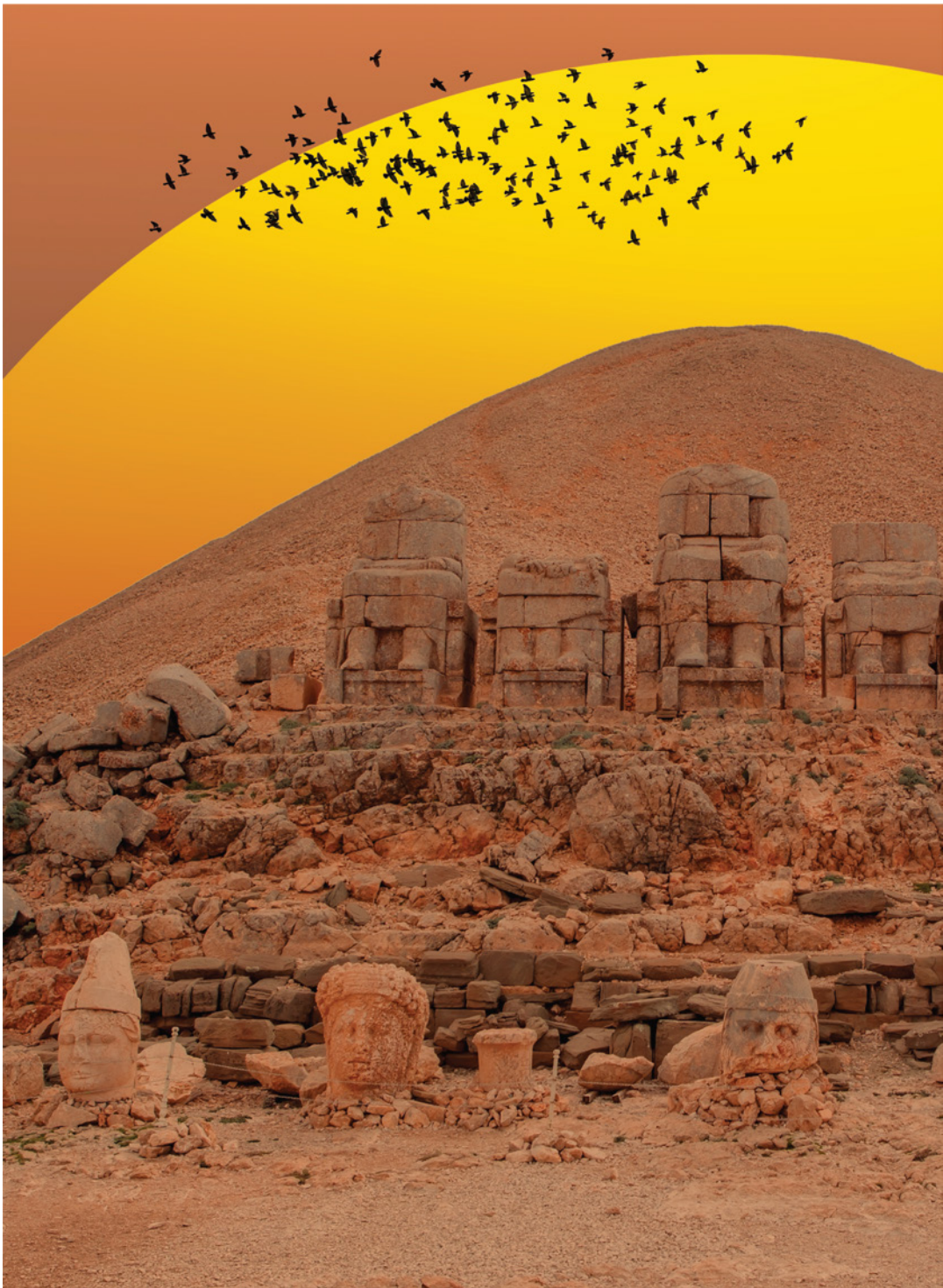
COMMAGENE
Forgotten Kingdom

COMMAGENE SPECIAL TOUR PACKAGES



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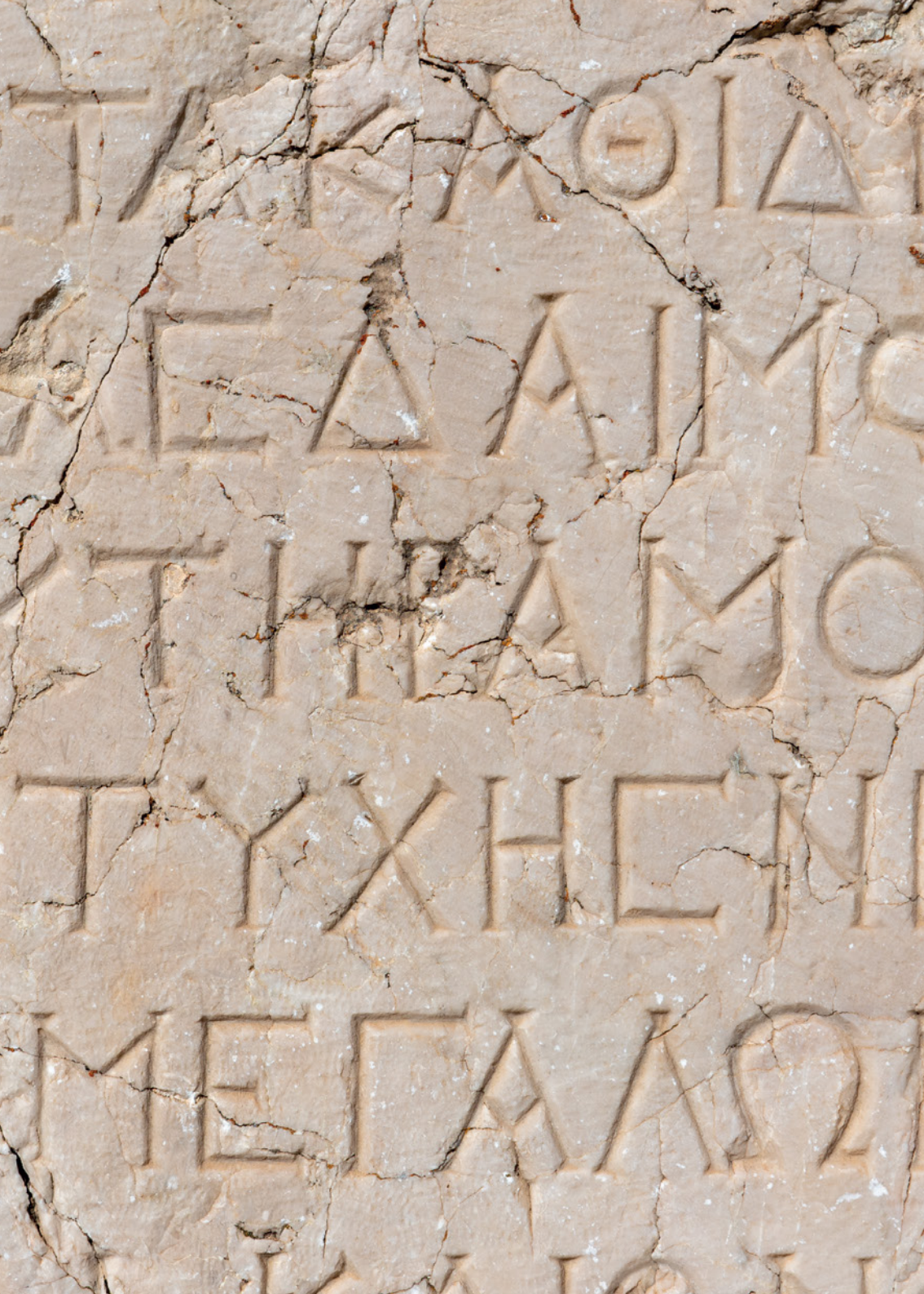




**Welcome to the lands of
Commagene – the Forgotten
Kingdom!**

We have got a treasure box full of ideas for an enjoyable stay here. We have got historic landmarks where one can get to know the ancient Commageneans. We have got nature trails to test everyone's abilities and get our guests fit and refreshed. We have got colourful markets exhibiting the generous gifts of land and surprising the unsuspecting visitor with explosions of aromas. We have got delicious meals for both vegetarians and meat-lovers.

Come, let us give you some ideas!





FOLLOW THE NOMOS

Mount Nemrut Tour

The Law of the great Commagenian king Antiochis I, or one of the longest last wills and testaments that have come to us down the ages, is inscribed in the stones of Mount Nemrut. The King speaks of honouring the ancient gods but he also says things which you'd find relevant today.



Highlights of the tour:

- The Thrones of the ancient Gods on Mount Nemrut
- The last will and testament of King Antiochus I, carved in stone
- The Commagene Culture Center and Archaeological Museum in the city of Adiyaman

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1: Mount Nemrut UNESCO site, Commagene Cult Center of Arsameia, Cendere Roman Bridge, Karakuş Tumulus of Commagene royal ladies

Day 2: Commagene Culture Center, Adiyaman Archeology Museum, Adiyaman historic center, Perre Necropolis and Ancient City





TREAD THE PATHS OF HISTORY

Archaeology Tour

The world's first known horoscope is to be found on the Eastern Terrace of Mount Nemrut. It is in the form of a majestic bas-relief lion. It has a crescent moon on his neck and sixteen 8-beam stars on his body, paws and tail. The three 16-beam stars represent Jupiter, Mercury and Mars.



Highlights of the tour:

- The ancient Commagene Kingdom heritage
- More impressive sites from various historic periods
- Hidden corners of Adiyaman Province revealed

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1: Commagene Culture Center, Adiyaman Archeology Museum, Adiyaman historic center

Day 2: Karakuş Tumulus, Cendere Bridge, Kahta Castle, Arsameia ruins, Mount Nemrut UNESCO site

Day 3: Perre Necropolis and Ancient City, Palanlı Cave with prehistoric paintings, Taşgedik stone relief

Day 4: Adiyaman mosques, St. Peter & St. Paul Syriac Church, Zey village rock caves

Day 5: Old Besni Ruins, Sofraz Tumulus, Kızılın Roman Bridge, Turuş Necropolis

MAKE A WEEKEND MEMORABLE



Short Weekend Tour

Highlights of the tour:

- Best of the destination of Commagene in a nutshell
- One colourful day in Adiyaman City Center
- Another day of memorable meetings with the kings of ancient Commagene

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1: Commagene Culture Center with Adiyaman Archeology Museum, St. Peter & St. Paul Syriac Church, historic Tuzhani, Perre Necropolis and Ancient City, local bazaars

Day 2: Karakuş Tumulus, Cendere Bridge, Kahta Castle, Arsameia ruins, Mount Nemrut UNESCO site

The greatest king of Commagene, Antiochus I, built his last resting place on top of Mount Nemrut so cleverly that it has remained a mystery to all the next generations. A number of renowned archaeologists have searched for the royal tomb beneath the famous tumulus but it has not been found to this day.





DARE TO STAY LONGER

Long Weekend Tour

On the spot of the Commagenian and Roman town of Octacuscum, people lived uninterruptedly for centuries. This came to an abrupt end when, in 1956, a nature disaster hit the settlement which was called Besni by then. Today only the wind rushes through the remains of Old Besni and the lonely minarets show where once life was bustling.



Highlights of the tour:

- Best of the destination of Commagene in a nutshell
- History and culture blended perfectly together
- An unfamiliar part of Commagene added to photo-books

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1: Commagene Culture Center with Adiyaman Archeology Museum, St. Peter & St. Paul Syriac Church, historic Tuzhani, Perre Necropolis and Ancient City, local bazaars

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ENCOUNTER WILDLIFE



Biodiversity Watching Tour

Highlights of the tour:

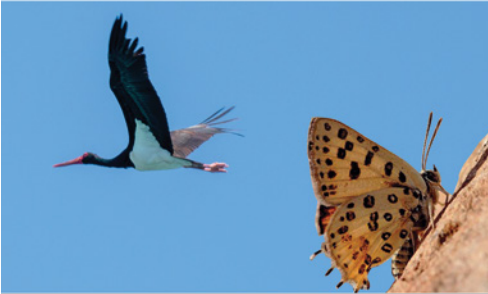
- Wild life on the shores and in the waters of Gölbaşı Lakes
- Nemrut Mountain birds
- Rare butterflies in their fantastic colours

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1: Gölbaşı Nature Park

Day 2: Mount Nemrut National Park

The common crane is a strictly monogamous bird. Not only pairs stick together but they court each other again and again every spring, by dancing. Their dances are complex and wonderful to behold. The lakes of Gölbaşı Nature Park in the western parts of Commagene Destination are among the few places in Türkiye where you can enjoy this.





TREK THE UNKNOWN

Wild Trekking Tour

“Walking is a man's best medicine.”

Hippocrates

“Look deep into nature and you will understand everything better.”

Albert Einstein

“I love being part of nature. I love walking alone. It is therapy. One needs to be alone, to recharge one's batteries.”

Princess Grace of Monaco

Highlights of the tour:

- Energizing walks in varying landscapes
- Beautiful landscapes to decorate the experience
- Camping under the stars

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1: Gölbaşı Nature Park trails

Day 2: Mount Nemrut National Park trails



ROW ANCIENT WATERS



Water Sports Tour

Highlights of the tour:

- Active escape from daily routines
- An attractive sport for various ages
- The magnificent setting of Atatürk Dam

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1: Marathon Field of Gazihandede Recreation Area – Kızılın Village



Atatürk Dam is the third largest dam in the world and it incorporates the waters of the Euphrates River, home and cradle of ancient civilizations. Today, the dam is a home of varied aquatic life but also of many attractive and fun water sports. Watch out for the water festivals organized along its shores!





BIKE THE COLOURFUL HILLS

Cycling Tour

The 5 Great Benefits of Cycling:

- *Strengthen all body muscles*
- *Increase your brain power*
- *Beat illness and live longer*
- *Save the planet*
- *Be happy*

Highlights of the tour:

- Perfect combination of an active holiday and cultural experiences
- An alternative means of getting around
- Opportunity to discover hidden corners of Commagene Destination

Itinerary milestones:

Day / Route 1: Karadut Village – Nissibi Bridge on the Euphrates River

Day / Route 2: Cendere Bridge – Kahta Castle – Arsameia ruins – Mount Nemrut UNESCO site

Day / Route 3: Old Besni – Sofraz Tumulus – Kızılın Roman Bridge







IMMERSE YOURSELF IN FLAVOURS

Gastronomy Tour

Legend has it that Meyir soup was invented by a local woman who once had the courage to stand between two battling kins whose enmity was going on for too long. She stopped the battle and invited both parties to a peace dinner. She served a very peculiar soup dish there. Nobody knew what it was but since it needed a name, they called it after their hostess, Meyrey.



Highlights of the tour:

- Delicious selection of Commagene Destination's local cuisine
- Meyir soup, Çiğ köfte, Adiyaman kebab, halva with cheese
- Perfect combination of gastronomy and culture

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1: Adiyaman City Center with Perre ancient ruins

Day 2: Sunrise at Mount Nemrut
Tumulus – Arsameia ruins – Cendere Bridge – Karakuş Tumulus

Day 3: Euphrates tour

TASTE THE GIFTS OF LAND



Short Culinary Experience Tour

Highlights of the tour:

- Tasty and healthy local agricultural products
- Kahta almonds or pomegranate / Besni raisins / Tut mulberries / Gölbaşı persimmon
- Participation in local livelihood practices

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1: Agricultural areas of Commagene
Destination: Kahta / Besni / Tut / Gölbaşı



Magical mulberries

Mulberries are good for metabolism and digestion; they maintain the heartbeat and blood circulation; they strengthen the immune system. The fruits contain lots of iron, so they are ideal for fighting anemia. The anti-septic qualities make the thick sugar molasses of mulberries almost mythical in curing bad throat. No wonder that is the favourite tree of silkworms too.





GET RURAL

Agro Tour

Halva with Cheese

1 glass of sugar, 1/2 cup of milk and 100 g butter or oil are boiled in 1/2 cup of water. 1 cup of semolina is added and stirred continuously over low heat. 250 g unsalted Adiyaman cheese is added at the end to complete the simple perfection of the dessert.

Highlights of the tour:

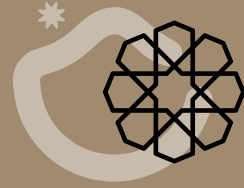
- Walking with domestic animals
- The famous Adiyaman cheese
- Glimpses of rural life

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1 / Day 2: Local animal farms in the Destination of Commagene



DISCOVER THE HOLY PLACES



Faith Tour

Highlights of the tour:

- Mosques of historic and architectural value
- The seat of the Syriac Orthodox Metropolitan of Adiyaman
- Adiyaman türbeleri (mausoleums)

Itinerary milestones:

Day 1: Adiyaman mosques, St. Peter and St. Paul Syriac Church

Day 2: Tombs of holy men in the vicinity of Adiyaman City, Safvan bin Muattal Tomb in Samsat, Mount Nemrut UNESCO site



Legends speak of the times when Prophet Muhammad was walking the Earth, surrounded by his faithful Companions. Many of them died for their faith and were immortalized by the next generations. One such Companion, Safvan bin Muattal, died near to present-day town of Samsat, and has remained here forever.





HAVE THE BEST OF MEETINGS

MICE Tour

The Kingdom of Commagene presented an island of peace in Southeastern Anatolia for more than 200 years around the start of the Common Era. Its mark on the next historic epochs and generations is remarkable. To the extent that Mount Nemrut was declared a site of globally significant heritage by UNESCO in 1987.

Highlights of the tour:

- Perfect addition to any meeting or congress event
- High quality of services and facilities
- Matching quality of the by-program experience

Itinerary milestones:

Addition to Event Day 1: Adiyaman gastronomy

Addition to Event Day 2: Commagene Kingdom gems, Mount Nemrut UNESCO site



WHY COMMAGENE?

Easy to reach

The destination can be reached by plane (airports in Adıyaman and nearby Şanlıurfa and Gaziantep), by car or bus via several highways, or by train to the county center of Gölbaşı.

Quality accommodation establishments

Commagene Destination offers a variety of accommodation options for every taste. Most are concentrated in the province center but if guests are up for a Mount Nemrut sunrise or sunset, there are convenient choices as well.

Great places to eat

Commagene cuisine is attractive, exciting and surprising. From small Çiğ köfte diners and kebab houses to fine restaurants and irresistible sweet shops. Special treats are on for vegetarians.

Shopping temptations

The best souvenirs there can be – natural and tasty food – are abundant in the Commagene Destination. Fresh and dried fruits, cheese, molasses and pestil, a selection of nuts and sweets, and the famous Adıyaman coffee are available at the local bazaars and shops. But visitors can also choose from a variety of souvenirs from the best attractions of Commagene, to take home together with their best memories.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

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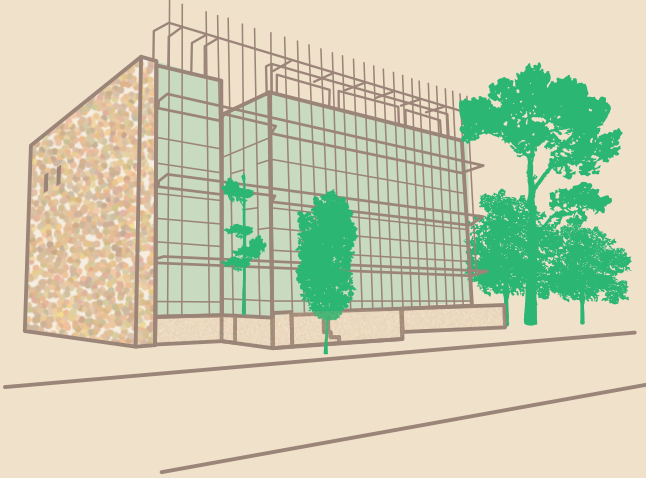
The Project aims to contribute to the social and economic development of Adıyaman Province by improving the competitiveness of the tourism sector of the region.

Within the scope of the Project, the historical and cultural sites of the region, local cuisine, trekking paths, camping sites, souvenirs, eco-tourism and alternative tourism opportunities are explored and developed by leading experts in their fields. Thus, it is planned to make Adıyaman a destination brand with all its tourism values and to promote it at the national and international tourism markets.



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